

JAN 11 2006

**WolfBlock**

1650 Arch Street, 22nd Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2097  
Tel: (215) 977-2000 ■ Fax: (215) 977-2740 ■ www.WolfBlock.com

**FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL**

Date: January 11, 2006      Number of Pages (including this cover): 12  
To: Commissioner for Patents  
Company: USPTO  
Fax #: 571 273-8300  
Phone #:  
From: Brian L. Belles 5108  
Phone #: (215) 977-2127  
Sender's Personal Fax #: (215) 405-3727

**Special Message:**

Serial No. 10/803,620  
UNDERGROUP SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR STORING SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL  
Filed: March 17, 2004  
Attorney Docket 148379

Following please find transmittal form, response to 12/9/05 office action -- total pages including this fax cover sheet: 12

☒ Original WILL NOT follow

Client: hol139  
Matter: 230235

If you have problems receiving this transmission, please contact the sender at the number above.

**NOTE:** The comments on and attachment to this cover sheet are intended only for the use of the individual or entity to which it is addressed, and may contain information that is privileged, confidential and exempt from disclosure under applicable law. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please notify us immediately by telephone and return the original to us, at the above address, via the U.S. Postal Service. Thank you.

Boston, MA ■ Cherry Hill, NJ ■ Harrisburg, PA ■ New York, NY ■ Norristown, PA ■ Philadelphia, PA ■ Roseland, NJ ■ Wilmington, DE

WolfBlock Government Relations - Harrisburg, PA ■ WolfBlock Public Strategies - Boston, MA and Washington, DC

Wolf, Block, Schorr and Saxe-Cohen LLP, a Pennsylvania Limited Liability Partnership

JAN 11 2006

PTO/SB/21 (08-04)


Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0851-0031


U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b>  (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/803,620
	Filing Date	March 18, 2004
	First Named Inventor	Singh
	Art Unit	3641
	Examiner Name	Ricardo Palabrica
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	Attorney Docket Number	148379

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<b>Remarks</b>		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT			
Firm	Wolf, Block, Schorr & Solis-Cohen		
Signature			
Printed Name	Brian L. Belles		
Date	1/11/06	Reg. No.	61,322

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.			
Signature			
Typed or printed name	Brian L. Belles	Date	1/11/06

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

DOCKET NO. 148379  
Serial No. 10/803,620  
Response to Office Action of December 9, 2005

JAN 11 2006

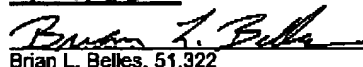
PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Krishna Singh

Serial No. : 10/803,620  
Filed : March 18, 2004  
Title: : UNDERGROUND SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR STORING  
SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL  
Art Unit : 3641  
Examiner : Ricardo J. Palabrica  
Attorney Docket: : 148379

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being  
transmitted to the United States Patent and  
Trademark Office by facsimile to 571-273-8300 on

1/11/06  
Brian L. Belles, 51,322REPLY

In response to the Official Action of December 9, 2005, reconsideration is requested in view of the following remarks. This Reply is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the December 9, 2005 and, thus, an Advisory Action is requested.

**A Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this Reply.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this Reply.